



March 5, 2021

Happy Friday, Crosby Families,

It was an exciting week as we welcomed our first grade students back to in-person instruction. We had 115 kindergarten students start on February 22, and we added another 111 first graders, split between Group A and Group B. Thank you to all of the families for your responses to the surveys. Your feedback has been crucial as students gradually return to the building.

We are thrilled to welcome back our second and third grade students on Monday, March 8. We expect 112 second graders and 135 third graders to return to the building. These students will be divided into Group A and Group B as well.

I am truly grateful for your patience and understanding as we work through the transportation issues, food delivery, and scheduling changes. These logistics will all smooth out as we get into a routine. Our staff has been so happy to see our Crosby Kids in the building, and I am proud of the amazing things the teachers are doing. They are doing a fantastic job teaching both students in their classroom and students on Zoom.

Please continue reading for more information about our *Return to School* plan at Crosby, as well as district-wide *Return to School* updates.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ferguson  
Crosby Elementary School Principal

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **Expectations for all students and staff:**

- Masks are to be worn at all times in the building.
- Breakfast will be provided when students arrive.
- Lunch will be provided for students to bring home.
- Attendance will be taken for in-person and remote.
- Parents **MUST** call the office to report a student's absence.

## THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

Crosby Elementary School’s hours of instruction are 8:00 am - 12:30 pm and 2:00 - 3:00 pm. Wednesdays will continue to be fully remote with a class meeting at 8:00 am.

<p><b>Week of March 8</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>2nd and 3rd grade return to the building in A/B groups</b></li> <li>● <b>All grades will follow this schedule due to staff vaccinations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Monday/Tuesday, 8:00 am - 12:30 pm</b> – Group <b>A</b> in person           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 2:00-3:00 pm – one hour of remote instruction</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Wednesday</b>, all students work remotely</li> <li>○ <b>Thursday, 8:00 am - 12:30 pm</b> – Group <b>B</b> in person           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ No afternoon session</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Friday</b>, all students work asynchronously</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Week of March 15 - End of School Year</b>  (dependent upon COVID-19 guidelines)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All <b>in-person</b> students in the building <b>Monday/Tuesday</b> and <b>Thursday/Friday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>8:00 am - 12:30 pm</b> – in person</li> <li>○ <b>2:00 - 3:00 pm</b> – one hour of remote instruction</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Remote</b> students continue remote instruction through Zoom</li> <li>● <b>All students</b> work remotely on Wednesdays</li> </ul>

## FULL RETURN UPDATES

There will be a Special Meeting of the Board on Wednesday, March 10. At that meeting, the Harvard CUSD 50 Board of Education will decide if students will be able to *fully* return to school buildings on Monday, March 15. The ability to offer an in-person option depends on local COVID metrics and guidance from the Illinois Department of Health and the McHenry County Department of Health.

The Board of Education will also decide the logistics of a full return at that meeting. Parents will be notified of that decision—and what the subsequent weeks will look like for families—no later than Friday, March 12.

## SCHEDULE CHANGE NEXT WEEK

In order to accommodate our second round of staff vaccinations, we have made a few changes to next week's schedule:

- **Wednesday, March 10**–Normal asynchronous Wednesday (no early release)
- **Thursday, March 11**–All students are dismissed at 12:30 pm. Buildings close at 1:00 pm.
- **Friday, March 12**–Asynchronous day for students and staff. (Teachers will communicate plans and expectations for the asynchronous day with their students.)

## MANDATORY QUARTERLY SELF-CERTIFICATION & VERIFICATION

### Quarterly form

If your student plans to enter the school building at any point during the semester (in-person classes, sports, extracurriculars, etc.), you must complete a [Quarterly Self-Certification and Verification](#) form on [PowerSchool](#) before they return to the school building. This form only needs to be completed once per quarter.

### Daily screening

When your student returns to the building, you will be expected to complete a daily [Self-Guided Symptom Screening](#). Parents are responsible for determining if their child is healthy and may attend school each day.

## OPT-IN FOR MEAL DELIVERIES

Students who walk home or get picked up will receive meals on their way out of the building. Students who ride the bus will get their meals when they get off the bus. Remote students will still have breakfast and lunch meals delivered each morning if they **opted-in for meal deliveries**.